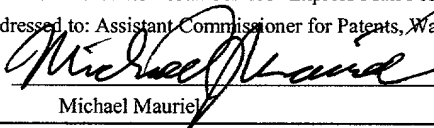


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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted together with the originally filed application.

**AMENDMENT**

**In the Specification:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

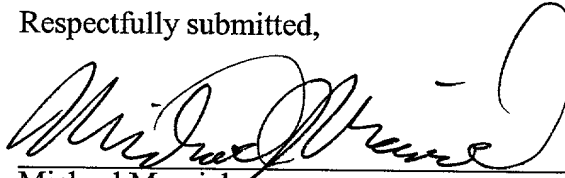
On page 3 line 10, as indicated in red in the marked-up specification as filed,  
between "processes" and "data" please insert --actual purchasing--.

## REMARKS

The filed specification shows the indicated amendment in red, signed and dated by the inventor. This preliminary amendment is provided simply to confirm the correction that is already shown marked-up in the specification as filed.

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